

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION
ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I support H.R. 3983, the Maritime Transportation Antiterrorism Act. This legislation takes critical steps to address the security of our ports and the cargo that passes through them.

However, I do have concerns about a provision that requires the development of a cargo identification and screening system that would require detailed information to be provided to U.S. Customs Service 24 hours prior to the time the cargo is loaded at its origination point. The level of detail required and the timing of its delivery to the U.S. Customs Service for the more than six million containers that are shipped to the United States each year may be unduly burdensome to the ports, importers, customs brokers, and freight forwarders that will be saddled with this task.

As 95 percent of our international trade arrives via the oceans, I fully support the aims of this bill. Though, I hope the concern I have expressed can be alleviated in conference.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDWARD LEO
APODACA**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Edward Leo Apodaca, a man who honorably devoted his life to helping young men and women. Edward upheld dignity and integrity, and regrettably, he passed away in April of this year. Today we mourn the loss of a great citizen, and a courageous leader who proudly served his family and community.

Edward spent over 40 years pursuing his avocation as an amateur boxer. Edward grew up boxing in Pueblo, and continued his boxing career after he enlisted in the Army. His attention to detail and continuous strive to achieve excellence molded him into a respected, admired, paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division serving in Vietnam. Edward served his country with honor, and he returned to the United States as a decorated veteran.

Edward was a member of the Pueblo Stylers boxing team, and he used his thrilling personality to mentor many of the youth in Pueblo. He assisted in starting the Community Youth Organization, and later acted as the organizer of numerous youth oriented boxing teams. His humble character and guidance has helped shape the amateur boxing standards around Colorado. His love for the kids with which he has worked has gained him the affectionate nickname of "coach."

Mr. Speaker, It is with great honor I stand here and praise the achievements of Edward before this body of Congress and this nation. Edward will be missed tremendously, and although we will grieve the loss of this outstanding individual, we will rejoice over this

man's great character. I express my sincerest condolences to his family and friends, and I salute Edward, a person who selflessly contributed to our society.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN MIGON,
D.A.R.E. EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Migon of St. Charles Borromeo School in Westvale, NY for being honored by New York State as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Educator of the Year. This award is named to Susan Migon in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to the New York State D.A.R.E. program.

The D.A.R.E. program provides fifth grade students with the knowledge necessary to successfully turn away from drugs and alcohol. Susan Migon contributes to the D.A.R.E. course taught by local police chiefs by bringing enthusiasm and constant participation to her classroom. She serves as a valuable asset to the program and should be honored for her exemplary dedication. Susan Migon received a nomination for the award from the Geddes Police Department, and has worked closely with them on the D.A.R.E. program for the past nine years.

On behalf of the residents of the 25th Congressional District of New York, it is my honor to congratulate Susan Migon of St. Charles School for her award as New York State's D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year.

IN HONOR OF GRAND RAPIDS
HOME FOR VETERANS**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, every year on Memorial Day, we recognize those who fought for our nation and gave their lives in the name of democracy and freedom. It is a time for us to remember the patriotism they showed as they went into battle, the courage with which they fought, and the ultimate sacrifice they made for our country.

My home State of Michigan has lost many good men and women to war. We lost 18,906 people in World War I, World War II, the Korean war, and the Gulf war. We lost over 2,600 men and women in Vietnam—more people per capita than any other State in the nation. We understand the honor in answering a nation's call to serve, and we know what it means to lose parents, brothers, sisters, and children to battle. As a Vietnam-era veteran, and the son of a WWII veteran, I know in my heart the value of this service.

Our lost soldiers have earned parades, memorial services, and events in their honor. But they have also earned a commitment from their nation that we will never forget their service and will treat all who fight for our country with dignity and respect. We should remember our lost soldiers not just in words, but deeds.

We should honor their sacrifices by providing good health care, benefits, and compensation to our veterans who fought alongside them and the current members of our Armed Forces. We should honor them by fulfilling all the promises that we made to them and their families when they answered the call of duty.

As we observe Memorial Day, let us not be content with honoring our soldiers just this one day each year. Let us remember in our hearts the ultimate gift these men and women gave to us. And let us keep in our prayers those men and women who are serving our nation overseas today. In their courage and strength, they set an example for all of us and remind us of what it means to be an American.

REPEALING SUNSET OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND TAX RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2001 WITH
RESPECT TO EXPANSION OF
CERTAIN ADOPTION PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the distinguished gentleman from Michigan, Mr. CAMP, for introducing this legislation.

This important legislation expresses the strong sense of Congress that Adoption Credit and Adoption Assistance Programs should not expire. Many parents who seek to provide a permanent home to a child face the high cost of adoption. Thereby discouraging families from engaging in the adoption process.

Families spend between \$8,000 and \$30,000 to adopt a child. Necessary expenses directly related to the legal adoption of a child can include court costs, attorney fees, traveling expenses and some unpredictable costs. Sec. 202 of H.R. 1836 Expansion of Adoption Credit and Adoption Assistance Programs benefits children who need the stability of a permanent home by easing the financial burden placed on willing families.

We must do all we can to encourage adoption at this critical time when our nation faces a shortage of families willing to provide permanent homes for children. As of March 31, 2000, there were 588,000 children in foster care. Of those children in foster care, more than 117,000 were waiting to be adopted. Today, that number continues to rise.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation prioritizes easing the financial burden of the adoption process for families that are prepared to provide homes for children in need of them, I ask my colleagues to support this important bill.

COLONEL JAMES W. DELONY'S
RETIREMENT**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot who has committed his entire career to the mission of defending America. Colonel James W. DeLony,